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Steve Middleton and his wife at the NJNS anniversary dinner.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ah Winter! – The non-collector sees the snow, the cold and the shortness of daylight. A coin collector sees things differently. Dave Lange – the noted numismatic author, expert grader and former New Jerseyian, once observed that coin collecting centers in cold winter states. His reasoning, simply put, is that cold winter days encourage the collector to remain indoors and pursue their hobby.

I know myself that when I hear of a cold spell coming, I head for my safety deposit box and bring home some “friends” to study. As a matter of fact, one coin that I thought to be a duplicate, turned out to be a master doubled die. For the rest of the day, the cold did not matter to me at all.

Even if you do not want to look at coins, there is nothing better than a winter's snow. The fireplace on and a book on your favorite coin series in your hand and a peaceful feeling comes over you and the trials and tribulations of life are soothed away.

You can even take the time to reread the GSNA Journals. Several articles might be of more interest to you now than when you first read them.

However, when you are finally tired of winter, think that May will bring along our show. Tom Hyland has already informed me that there will be several new dealers with fresh stock. I cannot wait.

In the meantime, I have a number of presentations that I have given to clubs in the past. If you need a guest speaker, feel free to call upon me, to not only visit your club, but hopefully contribute as well.

Your fellow numismatist,
Dave Bailey

Speakers Bureau

The GSNA Needs Speakers!!!

Do you have information to share with others in the manner of those like William Dewey and Dave Wilson? If so, please join our Speakers Bureau. You may have devoted many years in accumulating your knowledge, and it is important for the future of the hobby that this knowledge is shared. Sharing is how we all learn. Contact your editor with the topics that you are willing to speak on.

The GSNA Convention Needs Exhibitors!!!

Share your hobby with others and exhibit at the convention in May! The GSNA provides locked cases, so start preparing your exhibit now!!

Nominations for the GSNA Awards

A highlight of our convention is the Awards Ceremony. Do you know an individual that merits extra GSNA recognition for their contribution to the hobby? Acknowledge their effort by nominating them for one of our awards.

The YN of the Year and Numismatist of the Year must either be members of the GSNA or members of a GSNA club. The Club of the Year must be a GSNA club. Only one nomination per club will be accepted, and must be signed by the president or a designee. **Club recommendations must include the club activities for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 only.**

Please send all recommendations for the Numismatist of the Year, the Club of the Year and the YN of the Year awards to:

Jim Majoros, GSNA, 65 - 16th St, Toms River, NJ 08753
Email: major9@comcast.net

Nominations must be submitted no later than April 15, 2009.



Letter from the Editor

By Fran Cackowski

Although it is not January, as I write this I am acting as the god Janus, looking both backward and forward. 2008 was an exciting year for numismatists in New Jersey with not only the very successful GSNA convention in May, but the ANA in Baltimore. Two of the clubs of which I am a member celebrated major anniversaries – NJNS its 75th and WHCC its 25th. I feel a sense of excitement whenever I attend an NJNS meeting – being part of its historic past.

As far 2009 goes, I am looking really forward to 2009. The GSNA's convention this year is May 14-15-16 and I hope to see all of you there. In addition, Dave and I are planning to attend some out-of-state shows this year as well, but nothing is set in stone yet, due to the vagaries of my job. As with many of our members, the current economy has issued challenges to me job-wise and I am not really sure what I will be doing this summer.

Bringing up the current economic state of the world, do not think that you have to give up your hobby if your current interests are now out of your financial ability. Take a page from the financial planners – diversify, diversify, diversify. Look at other areas in which to expand your collection, such as a different county, a different historical period or a different denomination. Maybe you visited Canada and have some great memories. How about exploring Canadian coins or tokens? Perhaps your ancestors came from a European country that you have never seen. Why not “visit” it through its coinage and learn a bit of the language while doing so? Numismatics is a fabulous hobby that is limited only by one's imagination. Why not give diversification a try? You might find new interests and experiences that you never anticipated; ones that you can to continue to share with your fellow collectors. I hope to see you soon.

Fran

The 2009 Convention

Tell all your friends about it!

GSNA Convention May 14 - 16, 2009

Somerset, NJ

34th Show!

SHOW HOURS

Thur. 1 PM - 7 PM

Fri. 10 AM - 7 PM

Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM



DIRECTIONS

Route 287 to Exit 10
Take Route 527 North.
Turn left on Davidson Ave.
The Ukrainian Cultural Center
is on the right.

Free Admission For Members

Visit the GSNA web site,
www.GSNA.org,
for the latest convention
and club information.
We welcome new members
and volunteers at the show.

Auction Friday at 6 PM By New World Rarities

DEALER INFORMATION

Dealer set up 9 AM - 1 PM Thur. May 14

Early admission badge good
for all 3 days is \$25.

Show Chairman:

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Program
Saturday at 10 AM

ANA Update

The ANA's National Money Show is set for March 13 - 15 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. NGC will be offering onsite grading and they, along with NCS, will also be accepting submissions for all regular grading tiers and conservation for normal processing at their headquarters in Sarasota, FL. There will be the usual ANA programs such as a Boy Scout & Girl Scout badge workshops, Theatre programs and seminars, commemorative medals, auction, meetings, plenty of exhibits and an ANA Treasure Trivia Game for children. Hope to see some of you there.

National Coin Week is April 19 - 25 and how about our New Jersey clubs and individuals helping our hobby by getting involved with an exhibit at a local bank or library or school or a senior center complex? Getting teachers involved can be a plus with our recruitment of youngsters into our clubs. Taking photos for publicity also helps the clubs. If you haven't seen the Viewpoint article of January 6th in Numismatic News, "Where have all the coin clubs gone?" let me know and I'll send you a copy. Publicity is a key to a club's survival.

For the junior population, ANA YN members (only \$20 to become a member) can now subscribe free to the ANA's "Your Newsletter" on line. Just go to: YourNewsletter@money.org and sign up from the computer you will be using and they will come automatically to you. Every issue has a short and simple quiz that if you complete and reply to majoros@money.org, you will be rewarded with a few uncirculated foreign notes and a U.S. coin. The newsletter is also looking for short articles by YN's.

The money crunch is hitting the ANA just like everyone. Beginning with the ANA World's Fair of Money Convention in Los Angeles in August, the ANA will have an admission fee for "non-ANA members." The ANA needs the support of everyone who enjoys the hobby for the collecting, education and

camaraderie that we've all enjoyed over the years. If there is anyone in need of an application, please let me know.

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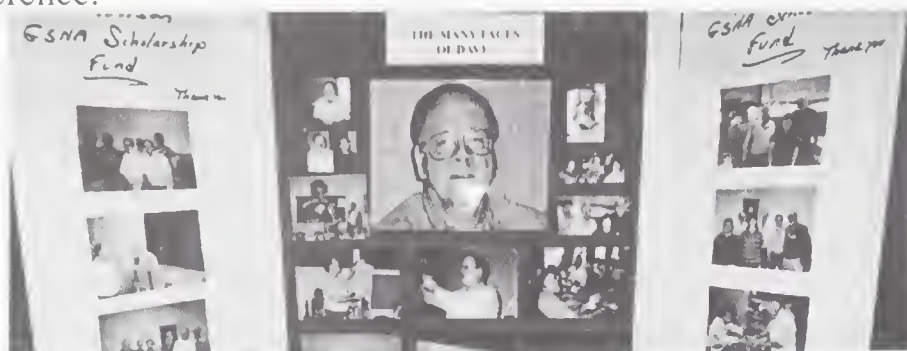
Calling all YN's – Want to get a Liberty Head nickel, a foreign bank note and be entered into a drawing for a proof set???? Here is your chance---

1. As you may be aware, the 50 States Commemorative Quarter program has ended. However, there are going to be more newly struck quarters in 2009. do you kno the six new quarters?
2. In addition, there will be new Lincoln cents struck in 2009. Do you know how many and why?

Email your replies to: major9@comcast.net or mail to: Jim M. 65-16th St., Toms River, NJ 08753 no later than April 15, 2009.

Dave Wilson Scholarship Fund

Support our YN's!! The Dave Wilson Scholarship Fund is alive and well. Start saving your pennies and nickels and dollars. Bring them to the May Convention, put them in the jar, and make a difference.



Club Highlights

This was a year for a lot of club celebrations, and fun was had by all.



Roger Siboni, guest speaker from the ANS, at the NJNS's 75th party being introduced by NJNS Pres. Rescigno. The party was held at the Madison Hotel and was attended by members and their spouses. 75 years, what an accomplishment!!



Watchung Hills Club 25th anniversary meeting with food, friends, coins, a big anniversary cake and fun.

More Club Fun



Jim Majoros and his smiling Ocean County Coin Club crew



Trenton Coin club crowded in to hear Ray Williams speak

A Numismatic Challenge: The ANA Scholars Program

By Zach Beier, GSNA's 2008 YN of the Year

When I graduate from college, I want to work in the field of numismatics. I got an early start preparing for my career when my parents enrolled me in the ANA Numismatic Scholars Program as part of my home school program. I began the program in September of 2007 as a school elective.

When I received the course materials from the ANA, it included books and DVD's for six different correspondence courses. The titles of the course books were as follows:

- Introduction to Numismatics
- Grading Coins Today
- Detecting Counterfeit and Altered U.S. Coins
- Grading Mint State U.S. Coins
- The Modern Minting Process
- U.S. Minting Errors and Varieties.

The DVD's go along with the Detecting Counterfeit and Altered U.S. Coins, and the Grading Mint State U.S. Coins correspondence courses. The way that the program works is that you pick a course and can study as long as needed. After studying, there is a test at the back of each book to be completed. After completing each test, it is sent to the ANA and they will grade it and if you pass, they will send a diploma in about six weeks showing your score. To pass, the score needs to be at least 75 or higher. If the score is between 92 and 95.9, it is considered Honors and if the score is 96 or higher, it is considered High Honors. If you don't pass the first time, the ANA allows you to take the test again to get a higher score.

There is no particular order that is required to take the courses and there is no limit on how long you can take to complete the whole program.

When each test has been passed successfully, there is a final exam that is required to complete the program. It has around two hundred questions and can take as long as three hours. The test has to be scheduled in advance with the ANA and it has to be proctored.

I arranged to take my final exam at my local library. The scoring for the final is the same as all the other tests. If you pass, the ANA sends you a Numismatic Scholars Diploma in about six weeks, along with your score.

I was able to learn a great many things from all the courses but I think the two courses that I really got the most out of were The Modern Minting Process and the U.S. Minting Errors and Varieties. These courses showed me how coins are made at the Mints and the different types of errors that occur during the minting process. But I also learned a lot of other things as well, like how to grade different coins, how to find out whether a coin is counterfeit or not, the right tools for any type of numismatic job, and also about the history of many different areas of numismatics.

I just recently took my final exam on December 1st, and on December 27th I found out that I passed my final exam with a score of 81.5. The ANA will be sending out my diploma soon and it should come sometime in mid-January. I can't wait. It's a great program and I would recommend that anyone interested in coins and coin collecting should try it. I'm glad that I did.

Note from the editor:

Zach, thank you for this article, and congratulations on doing so well on the final exam. I would also like to commend your parents for the support that they have provided to encourage your personal numismatic interests. You are a fabulous credit to the GSNA and the Ocean County Coin Club. As you get older, and more mobile (you can drive yourself) consider exploring attending additional NJ clubs in order to expand your numismatic knowledge.

CLUBS AROUND THE STATE

MONDAY EVENING CLUBS

Forks of the Delaware Club

Meeting Time: First Monday of the month (except on holidays and Labor Day, then the second Monday of the month) at 7 PM

Meeting Location: Grace Lutheran Church on 300 Rosebury Street and Route 22 in Phillipsburg, NJ
GSNA Club Representative: Craig Steible

Sussex County Coin Club

Meeting Time: Second Monday of the month (except August and December) at 7 PM

Meeting Location: VFW Hall, 66 Main Street, Sparta, NJ

GSNA Club Representative: Doug DelGurecio

Club Website: www.uscents.com/SCCC/index.htm

New Jersey Numismatic Society

Meeting Time: Third Monday of the month (except August) at 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Helen Chase Room at the Madison Public Library

Madison, NJ GSNA Club Representative: Harry Garrison

Trenton Numismatic Club

Meeting Time: Fourth Monday of the month

Meeting Location: AAA Mid-Atlantic Building, 3 AAA Drive Exit 5B
off I-195, Hamilton, NJ 08691

www.trentoncoinclub.org

GSNA Club Representative: Harry Garrison

TUESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Watchung Hills Coin Club

Meeting Time: First Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Rolf's Restaurant, 65 Stirling Rd, Warren, NJ

www.watchunghillscoinclub.com

GSNA Club Representative: Tom Rothacker

Northern Valley Coin Club

Meeting Time: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Demarest Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Road, Demarest, NJ

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Roxbury Coin Club

Meeting Time: First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Roxbury Township Library, 103 Main Street, Succasunna, NJ

Club Website: www.ledgewood.net/rcc

Westchester County Coin Club

Meeting Time: Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Community Meeting Room of St. Pius X School
Ramsey Road in Scarsdale, NY

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLUBS (continued)

Hackettstown Coin Club

Meeting Time: Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Hackettstown Community Center on Route 46
Club Website: www.hackettstowncoinclub.org

Atlantic County Numismatic Society

Meeting Time: First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Linwood Public Library, 301 Davis Ave, Linwood, NJ (609) 926-7991
GSNA Club: Jason O'Grady accoins@gmail.com

THURSDAY EVENING CLUBS

Ocean County Coin Club

Meeting Time: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:40 (Jrs at 6:50)
Meeting Location: Ocean Fire House (Arnold Ave Pt. Pleasant Beach)
GSNA Club Representative: Dennis Berube
Club Website: www.occoinclub.org

West Jersey Numismatic Society

Meeting Time: Third Thursday at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Collingswood, South Jersey
Corner of Park Blvd and Dill President: Fred R. Giebel
Contact: Dennis Helmer at D.P.HELMER@COMCAST.NET

Clifton Coin Club

Meeting Time: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.
Meeting Location: Clifton Recreation Department, 1232 Main Street, Clifton, NJ

The Currency Club of Chester County

Meeting Time: Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM
Meeting Location: Borough Hall, corner of Adams and Gay Streets, West Chester, PA

FRIDAY EVENING CLUBS

Summit/Chatham Coin Club

Meeting Time: Second Friday of each month
Meeting Location: Chatham Borough Fire House, 54 Fairmont Ave, Chatham Borough

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Classical Numismatic Society

Meeting Time: Second Saturday of each month
Meeting Location: William Rohrer Memorial Library Meeting Room, MacArthur Drive and Cuthbert Boulevard in Haddon Township, NJ

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PLACE: Elks Lodge #1068

ADDRESS: 375 Union Ave. (Route 28), Bridgewater, NJ 08807

HOURS: 9AM-3PM, Free Admission

CONTACTS: Greg Heim, whcc-list@comcast.net, or
Pete Doelger at 732-469-0446

FEATURES: 35-40 tables of coin dealers buying, selling, and appraising US, Foreign, and ancient coins, paper money, tokens, and medals and anything related.

The Trenton Numismatic Club Coin Show

The Greatest Show on Earth (without elephants)!

Sunday March 29th, 2009

10:00 A.M.—3:30 P.M - Free

Knights of Columbus Hall—Hamilton Council

1451 Klockner Road

Hamilton, NJ 08619

Hackettstown Club Coin Show

Sunday March 29th, 2009

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M

American Legion Hall

Willow Grove St

Hackettstown, NJ

Directions: Route 80 West to exit 19. Left on 517 for 2 miles, left on Route 46 (Main St). Left at second light (Hess station). The hall is ½ mile on the right.

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